

REMARKS

Claims 1, 12, 25, 30, 32 and 33 have been amended. New claims 41-56 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-56 are currently pending in the application.

PRIORITY

Applicants request the Examiner to acknowledge the claim for priority and safe receipt of the certified priority document.

SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors and to be consistent with the remainder of the specification (for example, the erroneous typing of "HTTP://machineB/pict.cgi" on page 15). No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 1, 9-12, 22-25 and 28-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Brandt et al. Claims 2-5, 13-17, 26 and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Brandt et al in view of Felciano et al. Claims 6-8, 18-21, 27 and 38-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Brandt et al in view of Felciano et al and further in view of Savage. These rejections are traversed as follows.

According to the present invention, the quoted information providing unit (110) determines (209) in response to a second request (208) from the information display unit (120), whether or not the second request (Fig. 5) is allowed according to at least identifying information (URI) included in the second request, wherein the identifying information (URI) identifies the first information. The reference numerals and other information in parenthesis are included by way of example only in order to assist the Examiner's understanding of the claim language. The quoted information providing unit (110) can control the information display unit (120) to display the quoted (second) information (251). The second request (Fig. 5) is for requesting quoted (second) information (251) quoted in the primary (first) information (250) on the display screen. The quoted information providing unit (110) checks the

identifying information (URI) included in the second request (Fig. 5) from the primary information providing unit (100). The identifying information is a URI which specifies the primary (first) information (250). The quoted information providing unit (110) has a data table (Fig. 7) which indicates the URIs of the primary (first) information which are allowed to quote the information identified by the identifiers of the quoted information shown in the table. The quoted information providing unit (110) refers to the table (Fig. 7) and determines whether or not the second request (quotation of the second information) is allowed based on identifying information (URI) that is received in the second request and the table.

On the other hand, none of the cited references disclose that the second information includes identifying information of the primary (first) information, nor that the quoted information providing unit determines, in response to the second request from the information display unit, whether or not the second request is allowed according to this identifying information. As such, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

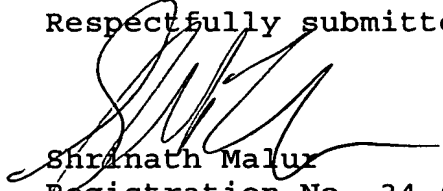
NEW CLAIMS

New claims 41-44 cover an overall information distribution system including a primary information provider unit for providing primary information, a quoted information providing unit for providing quoted information quoted by the primary information and an information display unit displaying provided information. The primary information corresponds to the first information disclosed on page 5, line 26 of the specification. The quoted information corresponds to the second information discussed in the specification. New claims 45-48 are directed to a recording medium for recording a computer readable program code. New claims 49-52 are directed to an information display apparatus for displaying primary information provided from a primary information providing unit and quoted information quoted from the primary information providing unit. Finally, new claims 53-56 are directed to a quoted information providing apparatus for providing quoted information quoted from primary information displayed by an information display unit. It is submitted that all of these claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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